

Approved: Meeting No. 29-80

ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 26-80

June 19, 1980

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in executive session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:30 p.m. on June 19, to discuss personnel.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in executive session, it was adjourned.

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 1980.

PRESENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilwoman Phyllis Fordham

Councilman John Freeland

Councilman John Tyner

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen M. Heneghan; Assistant City Manager Daniel Hobbs; Director of Budget Anna Lee Berman.

Re: Budget Work Session

Mayor Hanna brought up the matter of Denham Road/Storm Water Management problem and suggested that it be done by bonding and be removed from the operating budget. He recommended a \$133,000 pay-as-you-go funding be placed in a bond status. With those arrangements it might be possible to do 75% of the "wish list". Council then proceeded to the wish list.

1. Citizen Participation, Local News Supplement to Newsletter, (cost) \$8,678,

The Council agreed unanimously to delete this matter.

2. Energy and Technology, Infrared Thermography, (cost) \$15,500-\$28,100, (revenue) \$15,500-\$28,000

Since this pays for itself, the Council agreed unanimously to leave it in the budget.

3. Zoning and Development Review, Inspector for conditional zoning and use permit enforcement, (cost) \$17,395 - \$4,650 car,

The Council agreed this could be budgeted for 2/3 of the year and included that amount. Councilman Tyner disagreed.

4. Financial Administration, Retirement Actuarial Study, (cost) \$2,000

This was left in.

5. Adult Athletics, Keep fees at FY 80 level, (revenue) (\$4,506)

Council deleted this item and went along with original staff recommendation to raise the fees.

6. Municipal Swim Center, Feasibility study for expansion, (cost) \$15,000

The Council agreed that the Recreation and Parks Board could be asked if they would like to see the Municipal Swim Club fund reduced in order to pay for this study. If they agree to pay for it out of the Swim Center Reserve Fund it can be done, but it will not come out of the Operating Budget.

7. Cultural Arts, Promotion of program for professional touring arts groups at Civic Center, (cost) \$15,000-\$20,000.

This was left in at a reduced amount - \$10,000.

8. Cultural Arts, Shake hands with Shakespeare, (cost) \$2,220

The Council agreed this program should be for City of Rockville children, but asked the Cultural Arts Commission to propose the process of selecting the children. This was left in.

9. Community Recreation, Extended day program at Twinbrook, (cost) \$6,950, (revenue) \$6,950

The Council agreed to this.

10. Community Recreation, Expand Workreation, (cost) \$434.

The Council agreed to this.

11. Civic Center, Parks Maintenance, and Bikeways; No littering-fine signage (eighteen signs); (cost) \$720.

The Council agreed to this. Councilwoman Fordham disagreed because it is her feeling it is insufficient to handle the problem.

12. Special Events, Increase Memorial Day Awards, (cost) \$1,000.

This was added to the budget.

13. Special Events, Discontinue Burning of the Green, (cost) (\$2,998)

The Council deleted "The Burning of the Green" from the budget.

14. Parks Maintenance, Tap water line for garden plots (both sides), (cost) \$2,500

This was deleted from the wish list.

15. Senior Citizens, Replace minibus with large bus (\$18,000 budgeted for replacement) or add large bus, (cost) \$21,000 or \$39,000.

The Council agreed that the Senior Citizens need a 42-passenger bus with a hydraulic lift. \$21,000 was added to the already budgeted \$18,000.

16. Youth Services, Summer youth employment, (cost) \$40,000-\$84,000.

The Council agreed to this program and that it will be funded at the \$50,000 level. Workers can be paid 75% of the minimum wage.

17. Police, Additional Police officer, (cost) \$20,000

This item was deleted.

18. Municipal Legislation & Litigation, Targets of Opportunity, (cost) \$25,000.
Council agreed this would be funded.
19. Mass Transportation, Ride-on bus service, (cost) \$105,000, (revenue) \$25,000.
This was deleted by the Council.
20. Denham Road, (the cost and revenue are unknown at this time.)
The Council agreed this would be taken from the Operating Budget and placed in the C.I.P.

This came to a total of \$135,606. Councilman Freeland argued against moving \$133,000 from the pedestrian overpass figure. A long discussion followed as to how to fund these items. Council finally agreed to pay the City's full contribution to Metro for the pedestrian overpass out of the Capital Improvement Budget instead of the Operating Budget with only Councilman Freeland voting in the negative.

Councilman Freeland moved, duly seconded that the Town Center Implementation Study be reduced by \$75,000. The City Manager cautioned against this reduction since all of the costs are unknown. Councilman Freeland disagreed, noting that the \$83,000 quoted was for site marketing information. This one figure is not necessary. After a long discussion the matter was brought to a vote. The motion failed. Councilman Freeland and Abrams only voting aye and Mayor Hanna and Councilmembers Tyner and Fordham voting nay.

The Council reviewed the Denham Road/Storm Water Management project and agreed if the project costs \$60,000 as estimated by the technical study, the City would pay \$40,000 and \$20,000 would be paid by special assessments.

Re: Addition to City Hall

Councilwoman Fordham moved, duly seconded, that the item A-1 be deleted from the Capital Improvements Program. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Fordham stated she does not buy the arguments for an addition. It is her feeling that if the space for City government is expanded it will be filled with new employees. Councilman Abrams said he is prepared to vote against it. Councilman Freeland agreed that it should be deleted but he said he may support it next year. The motion passed, Councilmembers Fordham, Freeland, and Tyner voting aye and Mayor Hanna and Councilman Abrams voting nay.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, June 30, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.